

## DOLLAR BANQUET TO BRYAN

### GREAT COMMONER WILL GIVE OUTLINE OF PLATFORM

### ALL BUSINESS ELEMENTS INVITED

### Entertainment to Next President to Be Strictly Democratic

Because of the imminence of the Presidential nominations and the fact that W. J. Bryan is expected to announce in his speech here an outline of the platform on which he would desire to be the democratic standard bearer next year annual interest is being felt among the democrats of the state, in the dollar banquet at which the distinguished Nebraskan is to be the guest of the Democratic State Committee Saturday night December 21.

The banquet will be given in Guthrie and the invited guests will include democratic leaders from every county in the state.

Members of the state committee will be allowed to invite two guests each, from their respective counties. In addition to this all the chairmen and secretaries of the county committees and the county campaign committee, Democratic members of the legislature, all state officers, and the editors of all Democratic papers in the state will be among those invited.

Chairman J. B. Thompson, of the Democratic state committee, probably will preside as toastmaster, and the toast list will include, besides Colonel Bryan, Governor C. N. Haskell, William H. Murray, speaker of the lower house, Lieutenant Governor George W. Bellamy, Roy E. Stafford, chairman of the joint Democratic caucus of the legislature, George Whitehurst, chairman of the Democratic caucus in the house, and Henry S. Johnston, chairman of the Democratic caucus in the senate.

Announcement of the subjects for the various speakers has not yet been made, but the matter is in the hands of a committee and will be made public tomorrow or Wednesday.

The affair will be strictly Democratic and informal, the chief attraction being the noted speaker who will respond to toasts.

The following correspondence will be of interest:

Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 16, 1907. Hon. J. B. Thompson, Paula Valley, Okla. Dear Sir: Pursuant to your very courteous suggestion permitting me to suggest such invitations as I would like to have extended for the Bryan banquet, I have to propose for your consideration, the following:

If I understand it rightly the occasion is to be a gathering of Demo-

crats to welcome our great leader and enjoy the evening with him. As such meetings in my judgment should be representative of all the business elements, I recommend a Democratic delegate from each county farmers' union, one from each commercial club of the state, eight or ten from the State Federation of Labor. This I believe will represent the great business interests and am sure that they will all appreciate the opportunity. Sincerely yours, The Governor, C. N. HASKELL.

I approve the above recommendations, and through publication in the newspapers, extend the invitations mentioned in the Governor's letter above, and request that all such representatives mentioned be chosen and requested to attend the reception to Hon. W. J. Bryan at Guthrie next Saturday afternoon and night. The publication in the newspapers will be the only notice given for the reason that this is too short for me to reach all parts of the state by mail. We hope to have every farmers' union, every commercial club, and the Federation of Labor represented as guests requested. J. B. THOMPSON, Chairman Democratic State Committee.

AS SEEN FROM THE HOUSE GALLERY.

Representative E. J. Earle has received a letter from Judge R. L. Davis, of the Texas county court, sending his regards to "Stump" Ashby, an old time friend of his. The letter is as follows: "Guthrie, Okla., Dec. 9. Hon. E. J. Earle, Guthrie, Okla. Dear Friend: I notice with surprise, but with more pleasure than surprise that my old Texas friend Stump Ashby is a member of the house of representatives. Give old Stump my kindest regards. He will remember me as the editor of the Gonzales Drag Net in those dark days of reconstruction or the Democratic party of Texas—in the days of Jake Rhodes, Ben Terrell, Cyclone Davis and Charley Walters. Tell Stump that his namesake, Stump Ashby Davis is a square built, broad shouldered democrat, nine years old and is farming on a claim in Texas county. I guess I will have to go to Guthrie just to see Stump. There is no man living whom I admire more than Stump Ashby. Your friend, R. L. Davis."

## CORPORATIONS MUST FILE CONTRACT COPIES

The corporation commission this morning issued an order requiring railroad and street railway corporations, telephone, telegraph, oil pipe lines and express companies, and all public service corporations under the supervision of the commission to file sworn copies of all contracts, agreements or arrangements to which they may be a party, relating in any way to the carriage or transportation of freight, oil in pipe lines, express matter and passengers, or either, or the transmission of messages of communications between citizens of the state, or to the handling, use or transportation of cars or locomotives or other means of transportation, not later than February 1st, 1908.

The commission is busy today preparing the official order for lowering freight rates on lumber, which will be officially published tomorrow.

The order makes a sweeping reduction of from 27 to 12 cents per thousand in many localities and in nearly all localities cuts the present rate in half. The order is identical with the one now in effect in the state of Arkansas.

## EMERGENCY LEGISLATION DEFINED

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON RULES SUBMITS A REPORT

### GOVERNOR WANTS PROHIBITION LAW

### Before the Legislature Quits Work for Holiday Recess

Immediately following the opening of the house today a number of memorials and petitions were presented. At every session these petitions come in a veritable shower. They cover an endless variety of subjects and ask for legislation to regulate every thing that could by any stretch of the imagination become a subject of legislation—and some that could not.

Want Punishment More Severe. Today a memorial was presented from the Anti-Horse Thief association of Pottawatomie county, asking that punishment for horse stealing be fixed at from 5 to 14 years, and that hog and chicken stealing be made a felony.

From the Farmers union of Cleveland county came a resolution asking the enactment of a stay law.

From Gage comes a memorial asking that eight hours be fixed as the maximum of continuous employment of telegraph and telephone operators and train dispatchers.

House Rules Reported. Vandeventer, acting chairman of the committee on rules, presented a report embracing a complete code for the government of the house.

It was recommended that \$10 in stamps be furnished for the use of each member.

Numerous bills have been presented bearing an emergency clause. Under the rules adopted today emergency legislation is clearly defined. Other legislation may later be admitted to this classification, as necessity may arise, but for the present emergency legislation will consist only of the following:

Come Within Emergency Scope.

Regulating the piping of gas out of the state; all general appropriation bills; bills regulating the selection of juries in the new counties; bills pertaining to transfer of cases to the new counties; state printer and printers; the \$5,000,000 school fund; depositors' guaranty fund; bills providing for the forming of new counties; relating to taxes and liabilities of divided counties; prohibition enforcement; preventing willful waste and burning of gas; leasing public lands for mineral and gas, and bills for the immediate reassessment of all property in the state for the purpose of taxation.

A message was received from the governor complimenting the legislature on what has thus far been accomplished, mentioning especially the banking law. The message asks that the adjournment fixed for Saturday be changed, and that the holiday recess be not declared, until a suitable law has been passed for the enforcement of prohibition.

### BYRD'S SNUG MONEY-MILL

In Company to Supply Southwest With Pulleys.

C. T. Byrd, of Tulsa, law clerk to Speaker Murray, is vice president of the Dunlap Pulley company, of Tulsa. This firm makes patent split pulleys and is already supplying the southwest. The sales average 500 per day. After the first of the year as soon as patterns are completed the capacity will go to 1,000 pulleys a day.

The company also has a plant at Birmingham and Chicago. Col. Dunlap is president of the company. C. T. Byrd vice president and Pete Delehanty secretary.

Mine on Fire. State Mine Inspector Peter Hanratty returned this morning from Wilburton, L. T., where he went to investigate the cause of an explosion in Mine No. 19, which occurred there last week, killing two men. He states that the mine is on fire and that he had closed it down, so that he could not make an examination for the present.

## BANK BILL SIGNED, MENEFEE AFTER COIN

Armed with an engrossed copy of House Bill No. 7, which passed both houses and was signed by Governor Haskell today, State Treasurer J. A. Menefee leaves this evening for Washington, D. C., to get the first \$500,000 of the \$5,000,000 school fund now on deposit to the credit to the state of Oklahoma in the national treasury. While in Washington Mr. Menefee

## WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Partly cloudy tonight with snow in C. east; Wednesday generally fair.

will make arrangements for the school land board to draw the balance of the fund from time to time by sight drafts in \$500,000 amounts and placed on deposits with the banks of the state as fast as the school land board can place the money at 3 per cent interest, which it has been drawing from the government.

Scope of this school fund will be loaned out on Oklahoma farms at 5 per cent interest. Mr. Menefee stated this morning that he hoped to have the first \$500,000 placed in the state banks before Christmas as a holiday gift.

Chicken Thieves Confessed. Sheriff John Mahoney left this morning for Mulhall with A. Thomas and J. Shiffey, whom he arrested here last night on the charge of stealing chickens from Mulhall residents. They confessed their crime and surrendered the chickens along with the sheriff last night. They state that several more gangs of chicken thieves are in the same neighborhood.



King Victor Emanuel, of Italy, from his latest photograph, who is said to have given some pointed hints to two Russian grand dukes and a few Russian diplomats stopping in Rome for the purpose of breeding strife between the United States and Japan that Russia might have the pleasure of seeing the Japanese humiliated at the hand of America. He is said to have informed the ambassadors that unless they ceased their manufacture of rumors they would be considered unwelcome visitors to Rome.

## NATIONAL GUARD PROMOTIONS NOTED

As a result of a recent examination the examining board of the Oklahoma National Guard has made the following recommendations for promotion by Adjutant General Canton:

Capt. Chas. F. Barrett, promoted to major. First Lieut. Charles Curran, promoted to captain of company D. Sergeant Jay Gould, promoted to second lieutenant of company E, at Pawnee. Private Bert G. Whitehurst promoted to first lieutenant of company D. Private George E. Stevenson promoted to second lieutenant. Second Lieutenant Roy L. Shaw of the signal corps at Lawton promoted to first lieutenant.

Other promotions will be made when the papers have been graded.

## WOMEN AND CHILDREN

### CLAD ONLY IN NIGHTIES SAVED FROM FIRE

### HYSTERICAL FROM FRIGHT

### Some Fatalties May Result From Exposure

(By Associated Press.) Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—Fire which broke out in the Tamale block at Eleventh and Larimer streets in this city early today endangered the lives of fifty persons living in upper stories. Thirty women and children, clad only in their night robes and hysterical with fright, were carried to the building by policemen and firemen. Although no lives were lost in the fire, some fatalities may result from exposure as the weather was cold and the weather was extremely cold. The pecuniary loss is small.

## BILLUPS' LIQUOR BILL UP

### SPECTACULAR DEBATE IN SENATE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

### MEMBERS INDULGE IN STRONG DEBATE

### Section Seven Excites Running Fire of Lively Comment

The senate took only time to hear the roll called and listen to prayer by the chaplain, before proceeding with the famous "Billups House Bill."

Rev. Dinwiddie was busy in the lobby when his bill was laid before the senate.

Governor Urges Action.

A message from the governor asked postponement of adjournment for the holidays until it had passed the prohibition enforcement bill now before the senate called attention of the senate to the responsibility which he was willing to take if a bill was passed, otherwise the legislature would have to assume the credit or blame.

Billups Amends Title.

In committee of the whole, Cordell in the chair, Senate Bill No. 61, prohibition enforcement, by Billups, was taken up for consideration and amendment.

Billups offered technical amendment to the title which was accepted.

Davis and Agos suggested amendment to include use of cider as well as wines and Billups agreed to the suggestion.

Stafford's Predicament.

When section 6, prohibiting advertisements to appear in newspapers, was read Stafford explained that contracts now made would have to continue and he and Brock insisted on some understanding whereby Stafford would not be "used if I do not continue and fined if I do."

Stafford voted no when section 6 was agreed to.

Worse Than Spanish Inquisition.

Davis roared section 7, hard. He declared that Billups' acknowledgment that the section was from Kansas law, and for all knew it to be worse than the Spanish Inquisition and he moved to strike it out.

Johnson also went on record against the section in a brief speech.

Smith defended the section in a strong speech.

President Proteus Johnston demanded section seven's passage.

Franklin followed and said that Davis opposed prohibition in the territorial convention.

A Tilt Between Senators.

Davis said Franklin uttered an untruth when he said "I opposed prohibition in the territorial convention."

"I have your speech," said Franklin. "Produce it," thundered Davis in return.

Davis again labeled the section a relic of Spanish inquisition days.

Hatchett Goes the Limit.

Hatchett said he was for prohibition and did not want anyone to even drink artesian water. Replying to Franklin and Johnson, who had said, "the world knows how I stand" by declaring the world did not know how he stood, "but I now inform it by saying, 'I'll vote for the section.'"

Graham bitterly opposed the section—said the people had a right to a law enforcing prohibition, but no immemorial act like section seven.

Victims Have No Rights.

"It gives an ignorant justice of the peace the power to put a man in jail, giving the victim no right of appeal," he said.

Cunningham asked if the section did not conflict with the constitution.

Billups spoke for the section in jeoparty.

Brooks said the people voted for prohibition, but not for a foolish, vicious statute, such as the clause permitting justices of the peace to put a man in jail without trial.

His suggested changes and would not approve of the section until Graham's suggestions were complied with.

Smith moved to amend by inserting the words, "in any court having jurisdiction," but Brockhouse exposed the fact that there was pending a motion to strike out the entire section and on that amendment Redwine spoke, denouncing the section as dangerous and vicious. He claimed that the prohibitory law of Indian Territory had been so strict that it could not be enforced, and this section was equally bad.

Wynn said that the Smith substitute was worse than the original.

Prohibition Versus Fanaticism.

Goulding said that the enforcement of prohibition and fanaticism were different things.

Henry Johnston moved that a

special committee be named to rearrange the section and further action was postponed until the committee could set and report to the committee of the whole. The motion was unanimously agreed to.

Charters Issued.

Butler Hall company, for the building and maintenance of a town hall, capital \$1,000. Directors, J. B. Griffin, T. W. Watscholz, D. B. Barton and others, all of Butler, Okla.

Southern Light and Power company, of Ballaw, with \$20,000 capital stock. The directors are: William A. Lankin, and Webster Ray of Ballaw and Richard Jackson of Chicago.

First Missionary Baptist church, of Moore, Okla.

Agents Appointed.

Appointments for state agents were filed with the secretary of state by the following concerns:

Turkey Creek Coal Mining company of West Virginia, headquarters at McAlester, Okla.

Rca-Patterson Grain company of Kansas City, Mo.

Holen-Darrell Coal company, of Kansas City, Mo., headquarters at McAlester, Okla.

Prisoner Files Writ.

L. L. Ellis, an inmate of the Muskogee county jail, through his attorneys this morning filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the supreme court this morning. Ellis claims to have been denied bail by the county officials of Muskogee county and Judge R. E. Campbell, of the Eastern Federal district. He is charged with stealing a calf in Muskogee on November 15th, the day before statehood.

DIED FROM OVERDOSE OF ELECTRIC JUICE

(By Associated Press.) Trenton, N. J., Dec. 17.—Charles Giffman and Stephen Dorney, colored, were electrocuted at the state prison today for the murder of Mrs. Edward Horner and Victoria Natell, the latter a servant girl employed by Mrs. Horner. The murders were committed in connection with the burglary of the home of Mrs. Horner, near Camden last August. The electrocutions were witnessed by Edward Horner, husband of one of the murdered women.

CORTELYOU LAID UP WITH ATTACK OF GRIP

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Cortelyou is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grippe. Under the advice of physicians he will remain at home for at least a week. His attack last night was quite severe and the physicians' orders are imperative.

Gore Announces Candidacy.

Representative J. Edgar Thomas received a telegram from United States Senator Thomas P. Gore this morning stating that he had drawn the short term and would therefore be a candidate for re-election two years hence.

NURSING A BOOM FOR GOVERNOR MAGOON

(By Associated Press.) Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 17.—C. O. Whedon, law partner of Governor General Charles E. Magoon, today wrote to all members of the Republican state central committee asking them to institute the direct primary to ascertain the choice of the Republican voters for president. Whedon is actively pushing Magoon for the presidency.

Bill Robbins, ex-county clerk of Kiowa county, is in the city today.

WARNED NEGROES ARE ARMING

Mailed Notice Orders Colony Near Norman to Leave—Ranch Owners Urge Blacks to Resist.

Special to Daily Leader. Norman, Okla., Dec. 17.—Members of a negro colony thirteen miles northeast of Norman, on a 220-acre ranch owned by David & Cook, residents of this place, have been threatened with murder if they do not leave. Notices have been sent by a "Ku Klux Klan" which claims to be "Community" and is causing considerable alarm among the negroes. Anticipating a night attack by the whites, the negroes are arming. Notices signed "Mysterious Community" have been posted on the negro cabins, and recently left in their mail boxes. They say that negroes will be given until December 25 to gather their crops and leave the country.

White Farmers' Threats.

"It is the work of white farmers we formerly had on the ranch," declared Mr. David, one of the landowners. "They are leeches of the negroes and want to run them out of the country. I have advised the negroes to arm themselves and repel with force any attempt made to dislodge them from land. The negroes are not scared and will not leave. Four more families in addition to the ones now on the land will arrive this

## OKLAHOMA FIFTH IN PRODUCTION

### RAISED NEARLY A MILLION BALES OF COTTON THIS YEAR

### ONLY FOUR STATES CAN BEAT RECORD

### Texas Heads the List With Two and a Half Million Bales

Special to Daily Leader.

Washington, Dec. 17.—The crop reporting board of the Bureau of Statistics of the Department of Agriculture, from the reports of the correspondents and agents of the bureau, estimates the total production of cotton in the United States for the year 1907-8 will amount to 5,584,965,000 pounds (not including lint), equivalent to 11,678,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight.

The estimated production in 500-pound bales, by States, is as follows:

Virginia, 14,000.

North Carolina, 604,000.

South Carolina, 1,091,000.

Georgia, 289,000.

Florida, 64,000.

Alabama, 1,216,000.

Mississippi, 1,536,000.

Louisiana, 712,000.

Texas, 2,490,000.

Arkansas, 796,000.

Tennessee, 298,000.

Missouri, 40,000.

Oklahoma, 919,000.

United States, 11,678,000.

## WANT TO REPEAL ANTI-CANTEEN LAW

(By Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 7.—An army canteen association has just been formed in New York for the purpose of working for the repeal of the canteen at army posts. The association will be incorporated and will use its efforts to induce congress to repeal the law forbidding the sale of beer and light wines at army posts.

Vag Sent to Jail.

Sam Whittan, an Oklahoma City vagrant, was sentenced to ten days in the city jail this morning by Judge Bales.

## HEAVY SNOWFALL OVER OKLAHOMA

(By Associated Press.) Arkansas City, Kas., Dec. 17.—There was a heavy fall of wet snow today throughout southern Kansas and generally over Oklahoma. In the vicinity of Muskogee the fall was the heaviest in years.

## KICKAPOO FRAUDS WERE BRUTAL

### Land-Grabbing Outrages the Most Shameful in History, Declare Senate Investigating Committee.

Special to Daily Leader.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The special committee of the senate, which investigated the affairs of the Mexican Kickapoo Indians has completed its report and made it public today. Senator Teller is chairman and Senators Curtis and La Follette are the other members. Very serious charges are made by the committee, the most of which have been forecasted, but the report classifies the persons against whom charges have been made into two groups. Martin J. Bentley, former agent for the Kickapoos in Oklahoma, who invested their money in lands purchased for those dissatisfied Kickapoos, in Mexico, is fully exonerated, but others are severely dealt with. Extracts from the report which follows give a brief summary of the findings.

Namer Persons Concerned.

"Your committee found that certain persons claimed to have secured four classes of deeds to lands in Oklahoma, which belonged to the Mexican Kickapoo Indians, two classes taken by those whom your committee will designate the Bentley people, composed of Martin J. Bentley, Ida B. Bentley and W. W. Ives, and two were taken by those that your committee will designate as the 'Chapman-Grimes-Conline people' composed as follows: Charles J. Benson, W. L. Chapman, L. C. Grimes and Al

Brown. This was a partnership, the money having been furnished by Charles J. Benson. Another partnership was composed of Willard Johnston, C. M. Cade, Russell Johnson and L. C. Grimes. For this partnership the money was furnished by Willard Johnston and C. M. Cade. The third party was composed of John Garrett, James Jacobs, L. C. Grimes and Dr. R. C. Conline. The money used for the purpose of this partnership was furnished by John Garrett.

Cruelty Declared Brutal.

"Your committee does not hesitate to say that the conduct of the men, who were on the ground representing the Chapman-Grimes-Conline people, was cruel and brutal in the extreme. Outrages were shamelessly perpetrated by them, and their conduct has never been equalled in the history of any dealings to secure lands from the American Indians.

"The Indians were paid no money for the land which the Chapman, Grimes and Conline people claim to have deeds, and which they claim were executed at said Guadalupe house in Mexico, but some time after it is alleged the deeds were executed.

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Retail Merchants Meet Tonight.

The Retail Merchants' association meets tonight in the rooms over Parham's store. All members are urged to be present.